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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BANIK ET AL.

Examiner

Tu X Nguyen

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

2. Claims 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being as being anticipated over Kato (US Patent 6,044,266).

Regarding to claims 1, 8 and 15, Kato discloses for use in communicating data over a voice channel between a transmitter and a receiver, a system comprising:

a silence detector, coupled to said transmitter, that identifies a pause in voice traffic that is to be transmitted over said voice channel and generates an interjection signal during said pause (see col.3 lines 10-17); and

a data injector, coupled to said silence detector, that receives said interjection signal and responds by causing said transmitter to transmit data to said receiver over said voice channel (see col.3 lines 17-19).

Regarding to claims 3, and 10 Kato discloses said transmitter is associated with a base station of a cordless telephone and said receiver is associated with a handset of said cordless telephone (see col.8 lines 50-52).

Regarding to claims 6, 13 and 19 Kato further discloses said transmitter transmits said voice traffic in frames (col.9 lines 12-13).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 2, 9, and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kato in view of Basu et al. (US Patent 6,219,539).

Regarding to claims 2, 9, and 16 Kato fail to disclose said voice traffic is analog voice traffic.

Basu et al. disclose said voice traffic is analog voice traffic (see col.9 lines 15-18). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Kato with the above teaching of Basu et al. in order to make advantage of analog signals such as low cost, simpler to design.

5. Claims 5, 12 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kato in view of Orlen et al. (US Patent 5,579,535).

Regarding to claims 5, 12 and 18 Kato fail to disclose said data comprises menu item selection data.

Orlen et al. disclose said data comprises menu item selection data (see col.9 lines 25-27). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the

invention was made to modify the system of Kato with the above teaching of Orlen et al. in order to allow user to select one of the sets of information from the menu and returns a response that requests details of the selected set of information to the provider apparatus.

6. Claims 4, 11 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kato in view of Anderson et al. (US Patent 5,737,394).

Regarding to claims 4, 11 and 17 Kato fails to disclose said data comprises caller identification data.

Anderson et al. disclose said data comprises caller identification data (see col.10 line 54 through col.11 line 1). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Kato with the above teaching of Anderson et al. in order to recognize in other party caller identification.

7. Claims 7, 14 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(e) as being unpatentable over Kato in view of Summer (US Patent 6,041,227).

Regarding to claims 7, 14 and 20, Kato fails to disclose said silence detector identifies said pause by comparing a peak energy of said voice traffic to a noise floor reference.

Summer discloses said silence detector (see col.2 lines 1-4) identifies said pause by comparing a peak energy of said voice traffic to a noise floor reference (see col.6 lines 6-12). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the

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invention was made to modify the system of Kato with the above teaching of Summer in order to predict periods of silent more accurately.

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tu Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 305-3427. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vivian Chin, can be reached at (703) 308-6739.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office at (703) 306-0377.

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